
Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee
April 6, 2006

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Robertson, at 10:08 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Arguello, Daniel
Barnes, Christine
Bowlen, Paul (**Vice Chair**)
Coerper, Gil
Daigle, Leslie
Dispenza, Mike
Edney, Jon A.
Fesmire, Melanie
Jasper, Timothy
Kirby, Dan
Krause, Mary Ann
Lantz, Paula
Loveridge, Ronald
McCallon, Larry
McCullough, Kathryn
McSweeney, Susan
Nowatka, Paul
Parks, Bernard
Richardson, Laura
Ring, Bob
Robertson, Deborah (**Chair**)
Ten, Mike
White, Charles
Williams, Diane

SGVCOG
City of La Palma
City of Cerritos
City of Huntington Beach
OCCOG
City of Palmdale
City of El Centro/IVAG
CVAG
City of Apple Valley
SGVCOG
City of Santa Paula
City of Pomona
City of Riverside
City of Highland
OCCOG
City of Westlake
City of Torrance
City of Los Angeles
City of Long Beach
OCCOG
City of Rialto
SGVCOG
WRCOG Subregion
SANBAG

Members Not Present

Davert, Doug
Green, Cathy
Hofmeyer, Daryl
Norby, Chris
Perry, Jan
Poe, Marilynn
Ramirez, Rick

City of Tustin
OCCOG
City of Paramount
Orange County
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Reyes, Ed
Serrano, Joseph

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Gateway Cities

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. The Chair led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Christine Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Tim Jasper to approve the consent calendar as submitted. It was approved unanimously.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of March 2, 2006

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State Legislative Matrix

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

None.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Blueprint Grant Work Program

Before the staff report Councilmember Nowatka once again invited Committee members to attend the 6th Annual Regional Housing Summit meeting on April 20 being held at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center in the City of Torrance. Mr. Nowatka encouraged members to please register for the Summit.

Chair Robertson thanked the staff and Committee members who have been involved in organizing the Summit.

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Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, gave a brief report on the California Blueprint program. The Compass Blueprint project is designed to refine regional growth policies with local planning efforts through more subregional and local scenario planning and development forecasting.

SCAG has been given a grant in the amount of \$1,258,450 for FY 2005/06 to be used to link transportation planning with housing planning. The program is expected to integrate the regional growth vision with local planning efforts, SCAG will: provide assistance to local communities in updating general plans, identify areas with potential for growth along transportation systems, promote integration of transportation and housing, analyze factors relating to mode choice and develop scenarios for transit oriented development (TOD), identify changes in mobility and emission levels associated with shifts in development, and develop land use and transportation performance measures.

6.2 Regional Comprehensive Plan Update

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, briefed the Committee on the on-going preparation of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Lieb said staff is preparing a Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) as a companion to the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan. As such, staff currently anticipates adopting the plan in December 2007, with a draft circulating by approximately July 2007.

Mr. Lieb stated the Task Force has discussed three topics of concerns:

- Land Use and Housing Preliminary Discussion Outcomes
- Open Space and Habitat Preliminary Discussion Outcomes
- Outcomes included in the energy chapter

Mr. Lieb noted that consultants to aid in the development of the RCP have been selected they are Jones and Stokes for work on the open space chapter, and PFM consultants to work on a special focus section of the Plan on public finance.

6.3 Infrastructure Bond Update

Don Rhodes, SCAG Staff, gave a short update on the proposed bond measure. He noted there was an effort to work out some of the issues on the measure before the spring break, but the effort was not successful.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

Jennifer Sarnecki, SCAG Staff, and Councilmember Debbie Cook, City of Huntington Beach, provided a summary of the events that took place at the Energy Conference held on March 10 at the Metropolitan Water District offices.

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Lynn Harris, Manager of the Community Development, reporting on the latest on the status of the E-Vision document stated that staff had analyzed the situation of found out that many of the members must accept the invitation to get the newsletter so please check their spam controls. The next issue of the E-Vision will be out April 15. Next Ms. Harris reported that Shelia Stewart, Executive to the Regional Council, prepares a summary of policy committee actions that goes out to members. This report is based on action items. Finally, Ms. Harris stated that her staff would be working on creating an orientation package just for CEHD members she would bring a sample at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Bowlen wanted members to know that there is a room where they can go and make calls, send faxes, etc. It is called the "Regional Council Room."

Committee member Laura Richardson requested that in the next discussion on the RHNA update we have a philosophical policy discussion of whether there should be a sharing of RHNA numbers from one to another. She stated she felt the report we had last meeting said we're actually advocating in Sacramento that we want a shared system. She stated she was not in support of such a shared or trading system. She further stated she felt we needed to have an honest discussion and understand when did the sharing of housing need first take place, how has it been utilized, what has been the benefits to it and if we continue it what could be potential impacts.

Councilmember McCullough added information regarding the California League of Cities Policy Committee on Housing's recent discussion on this topic. She stated the Committee had not yet made a definite vote.

Ms. Harris responded that staff would arrange to discuss this issue of sharing housing need and trading and transfers of housing need between cities in more detail. Councilmember McCallon suggested Councilmember Richardson bring these issues to the next RHNA workshop.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.


10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair moved to adjourn the CEHD at 10:54 a.m. the committee agreed unanimously. The next CEHD meeting will be held in conjunction with the General Assembly at the Westin Hotel in City of Long Beach on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

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Action Minutes Approved by:


Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development